(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Extension has been given as per rules.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The Selection of Director (Finance) is to be done on the recommendation of the Public Enterprises Selection Board.

(f) and (g) At present there is no proposal to conduct a CBI Inquiry as the Government has not found any reasons to order one.

Development of Tourism in North-Eastern Region

3104. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps initiated for development of tourism industry in the North-Eastern region of the country;

(b) the increase in the number of foreign tourists to the North-Eastern region after lifting to Restrictive Area Permit (RAP);

(c) the number of tourists visited year-wise from the year RAP was lifted;

(d) the number of projects financed by ITDC alongwith the amount allocated to the North-Eastern region during each of the last three years and the comparative figures for other States;

(e) the new proposals of the Government in the pipeline for North-Eastern region; and

(f) the number of projects financed by the Department of Tourism alongwith the amounts in the North Eastern region during each of the three years?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (f) To encourage the development of tourism including the North Eastern region, the Department of Tourism has constituted a task force. In addition, a Special Cell on the North-East has been constituted to monitor the tourism development activities in the region. The details of Central Financial Assistance extended to the North Eastern region during the last three years in as follows :

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)	Project
1993-94	421.66	38
1994-95	300.90	23
1995-96	414.89	34

The Restricted Area Permit (RAP) is still operative in some States of the North Eastern Region. The number of Foreign tourist and total tourist arrivals to North Eastern Region for the last three years is as follows :

	1993	1994	1995
Foreign Tourist Arrivals	1115	1795	2097
Total Tourist Arrival	520922	591542	579053

During the last three years, ITDC has not undertaken any new project in the North Eastern Region.

New proposals for an amount of Rs. 777.33 lakhs stands identified for the year 1996-97 for the North Eastern Region in consultation with the State Governments.

Statement Correcting the reply to USQ No. 1942 dated 5th December, 1996 regarding flight from Delhi to Rajkot and Ahmedabad

In reply to part (b), (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha USQ. No. 1942 on 5th December, 1996 regarding Flight from Delhi to Rajkot and Ahmedabad it was stated that:

"NEPC Airlines is operating a daily flight on the sector Delhi-Rajkot *via* Mumbai. Delhi is airlinked with Ahmedabad with two daily flights by Indian Airlines and one daily flight by Jet Airways direct between Delhi and Ahmedabad and three weekly flights by Indian Airlines *via* Jaipur".

2. On further scrutiny, it was found that the tri-weekly flights by Indian Airlines operating between Ahmedabad and Jaipur do not connect Delhi.

3. The error is regretted.

4. The correct reply is as follows :-

"NEPC Airlines is operating a daily flight on the sector Delhi-Rajkot *via* Mumbai. Delhi is airlinked with Ahmedabad with two daily flights by Indian Airlines and one daily flight by Jet Airways direct between Delhi and Ahmedabad".

5. Since the discrepancy in the answer, due to oversight, came to notice only recently, the reply could not be corrected earlier.

The delay in correcting the reply is regretted.

Delay statement correcting the reply to Unstarred Question No. 1942 in Lok sabha on 5th December, 1996 regarding flight from Delhi to Rajkot and Ahmedabad

The reply furnished to the above mentioned question was not worded properly and the error in the above mentioned Question was noticed only on 11th December, 1996.

Therefore, it was not possible to lay a correcting statement in the House during Winter Session.

The correcting Statement is now being laid on the Table of the House in the current Session of Parliament.

12.01 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Annual Report and Review of the Working of National Film Development Corporation, Mumbai for the year 1995-96

[English]

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : I beg to lay on the Table -

A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 :-

(1) Review by the Government of the working of the National Film Development Corporation, Mumbai, for the year 1995-96.

(2) Annual Report of the National Film Development Corporation, Mumbai, for the year 1995-96 alongwith Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1549/97]

Annual Reports of the Institute of Hotel Management Catering and Nutrition, Applied Nutrition and Catering Technology, Delhi, Mumbai, Madras, Goa, Calcutta, Bangalore, Lucknow, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad etc. for the year 1995-96

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : I beg to lay on the Table -

1 (a) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English Versions) of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering and Nutrition, New Delhi for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1550/97]

(ii) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English Versions) of the Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Mumbai for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1551/97]

(iii) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English Versions) of the Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Madras, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

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(iv) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English Versions) of the Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Goa, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

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(v) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English Versions) of the Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Calcutta, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

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(vi) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English Versions) of the Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Bangalore, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1555/97]

(vii) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English Versions) of the Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Lucknow, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

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(viii) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English Versions) of the Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Hyderabad, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1557/97]

(ix) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English Versions) of the Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Ahmedabad, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1558/97]

(x) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English Versions) of the Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Bhubaneswar, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1559/97]